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DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

We, Alexander I. Hopmann, Becky Anderson, and Brian J. Deen, declare: that we are citizens of the United States of America, respectively; that our residences and post office addresses are 1635 35th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98122, 9830 164th Avenue NE, Redmond, WA 98052, 345 Ogle Place NE, North Bend, WA 98045, respectively; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING AND RESOLVING RESOURCE CONFLICTS," for which a patent is sought;

that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Serial No. 09/412,738 on October 4, 1999; and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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